

RESORT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT No. 1 SHELTER COVE, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Electric, Water, Sewer, Fire Protection, Search & Rescue, Airport, Golf Links, Recreation

MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

TSUNAMI WARNING TEST TIME CHANGE

The full tri-county test with a NOAA radio alert has been canceled. This notice from the National Weather Service means that there will not be a test message on your NOAA weather radio and



tsunami sirens will not be remotely activated with the signal used by the National Tsunami Warning Center. The Civil Air Patrol will also not be flying over the coast to broadcast a test message, but this does not mean that all tsunami preparedness activities and tests are canceled. On Wednesday, MARCH 20, at 10 AM Humboldt County will still be testing the Humboldt Alert mass notification and Shelter Cove will activate the outdoor sirens and the District's automated phone tree. This year people located within the Shelter Cove Tsunami zone are being asked to take action and evacuate to the Fire Station on Shelter Cove Road which is a primary evacuation site. Please have your togo bag ready. A list of emergency supply items to have with you can be found on the RID website under the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Department link. A printable list can be found at the bottom of the page. CERT will be available at the Fire Station to assess the success of the test and will distribute important pre-disaster information regarding earthquake, tsunami and wildfire preparedness. CERT will be also be displaying shelter cots demonstrating "What We Can do for You" and "What You Can do for Yourself". Complementary refreshments will be provided.

Emergency Disaster Preparedness Committee Meetings Change of Schedule:

The RID and Shelter Cove Fire Department have organized a series of Emergency disaster planning biweekly meetings to be held in the Fire Station Meeting Hall. The committee meeting schedule has been changed to 1PM. on the second and fourth Tuesday of

each month at the Fire Station meeting hall. The meetings will allow the community to bring ideas and knowledge to help the craft an Emergency Evacuation Plan among other things.

Daylight Savings Begins:

Please remember to put your clocks forward an hour on Sunday morning, March 10th.

WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS

The District would like to remind drivers to practice safe winter weather driving. Roads are being impacted by recent rains and slides are occurring throughout Humboldt County. Shelter Cove Road may be intermittently affected by hail, ice and snow throughout March and it is recommended that when travelling over Paradise Ridge that you prepare for winter conditions by carrying chains or by using a 4 x 4 vehicle with good snow or A/T tires. Please call County Roads at 445-7421 for current road conditions or call the Fire Department at 986-7507 before travelling in cold wet weather.

Public Capital Improvement Plan Workshop Scheduled:

The Shelter Cove community is invited to provide input regarding the development of the Five-year Capital Improvement Plan. The plan will be used to develop a new utility rate structure for our customers. The workshop will be held at the Fire Station meeting room 6PM. on Wednesday, April 24th, 2019. We appreciate your input.

Visible House Numbers:

The Fire Department requests that all house numbers be highly visible from the street. In emergency situations precious time is lost trying to identify the location of homes.

COMMUNITY CENTER DESIGN MEETING

The New Community Center Ad hoc Committee has scheduled a public meeting at 4:00PM on Friday, March 15th at the Fire Station meeting hall. The meeting will provide opportunity for public input.

COMMENTS: We encourage your comments, so please use your bill stub to provide feedback regarding matters within the District's control.

Dear Residents and Property Owners,

Over the last few months our District and Fire Department have been hosting a series of community wildfire meetings. We will continue to host monthly wildfire meetings for the foreseeable future with our March meeting on Friday 03/08 and our April meeting on Friday 04/12. These meetings start at 6PM and are held at the Fire Station on Shelter Cove Road.

At these meetings it is our goal to:

- Educate Residents and Property Owners on the real threat of wildfire to the Shelter Cove Community and establish the need to work together to reduce the threat of wildfire.
- Encourage residents and property owners to create defensible space around their home and property by treating all fuel types grass, brush, trees.
- Encourage residents to request home/property inspections from Shelter Cove Fire Department to help learn best practices for defensible space and treatment of fuels.
- Encourage residents to submit requests for assistance to the Shelter Cove Fire Department for fuel reduction projects on their property and around their home.
- Encourage residents and property owners to participate in the Chipper Days program. This once monthly service will allow property to have tree limbs and brush from their property to be chipped on site by members of the Shelter Cove Fire Department provided that limbs/brush are on edge of property with butt ends sticking out toward the road. NOTE:

 <u>Limbs exceeding the diameter on the intake of the chipper, garbage and tree stumps will not be chipped</u>.
- Share information on the development of expanded emergency siren system and emergency evacuation plans. The District has plans to install three emergency sirens in upper elevation of Shelter Cove in 2019 to provide early warning system for advancing wildfires.
- Obtain permission for District and Fire Department to access private lands for the purposes of effective and strategic treatment of the Greenbelt. Property owners may sign an agreement granting this permission for the purposes of fuel reduction projects.
- Share RID/Fire Department's current (to be completed in 2019) and planned (for 2020 and beyond) efforts to reduce fuel loading on RID Greenbelt and County Road Rights of Way including coordination efforts with BLM; Cal Fire; County of Humboldt – Office of Emergency Services & Department of Public Works; Southern Humboldt Fire Safe Council and Natural Resources Conservation Service. Most recently The District has applied for Cal Fire and Measure Z (Humboldt County) grants to obtain assistance for community fuel reduction projects.
- Listen to community ideas, encourage problem solving discussion and present a positive "yes we can" attitude.

I encourage you to be involved with this most important effort of reducing fuel loading (on private lands, on greenbelt lands and on county road right of ways) to help increase our community resilience to wildfire. And please share the current work you are completing to reduce wildfire threat in your neighborhood.